FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

(One of a series of articles dealing with the different long-time outlooks of agricultural commodities

Dairy Outlook

Agriculture economists tell us that the production of milk in Virginia is expected to be slightly higher in 1956. Grade A milk production in 1955 ran about 3% above 1954 and will likely continue near that rate next year. Production of manufactured milk changed little from 1954 to 1955 and is expected to remain near or slightly above this level in 1956.

Feed prices will be somewhat lower and a favorable feed-milk ratio is expected for at least the first half of 1956, possibly the entire year.

However, demand for dairy products will be good. The sales in Virginia's controlled markets in 1955 averaged 4% higher than in 1954. The combination of rapid industrialization and increasing population points to a favorable sales pattern next year.

Government stocks of dairy products are considerably lower than they were a year ago. Butter stocks are down 75%, cheese stocks are down 35% and non-fat dry milk stocks are down 85%.

Class I prices paid producers for fluid milk are expected to remain close to the 1955 level with a slight possibility of higher average blend prices. Surplus is not expected to be burdensome in 1956. Manufactured milk prices are expected to average near the 1955 level.

Farm power and machinery prices will likely be at least as high if not higher than in 1955 because of increased cost of materials and higher wage rates.

Farm labor supply will likely decline slightly and wage rates will probably increase.

The combination of a somewhat more favorable milk-feed ratio and increased production per cow, with cow numbers at least as great as in 1955, indicates that 1956 will bring further production increases. The culling rate is expected to drop.

Along with production changes, it seems that fluid milk sales will also continue to increase during the next year, with a somewhat higher proportion going into Class I uses.

There is also a darker side to the picture and it is probably that dairy farmers as well as other farmers will continue to face a cost-price squeeze. Although feed costs may drop some, other costs are likely to remain high. A large volume, efficiently produced, will be important to the individual producer. In spite of the price-cost squeeze, it seems that higher Class I prices and better utilization patterns will put Virginia dairymen under relatively favorable conditions compared with dairymen in other areas.

DHIA Supervisors

There is still a need for qualified DHIA Supervisors in Virginia. Those young men who may be looking for a job working with dairy cattle and dairy producers should plan to attend the DHIA supervisor's training course at VPI, December 5-16. Those interested may secure application forms from the County Agent's office.

Dwarfism in Beef Cattle

Dwarfism may not be a problem on your farm, and for many years it has been considered a minor annoyance in the beef cattle industry as a whole. However, in recent years it has become a real problem, especially in the last ten years when it has become more and more common.

Everyone connected with the beef industry is asking the question and wondering why and what to do about it. Tests are now being conducted at VPI by Dr. Thomas J. Marlowe to attempt to answer some of these questions. These Virginia studies are attempting to find some way to detect the carriers of the dwarf gene so they can be eliminated from herding breeds. One theory is that the carriers, for one reason or another, are being favored in selection over normal animals for breeding purposes. If this is true, that is, if the animal that carries the dwarf gene is an animal of more desirable beef type, it might be possible to use the characteristic effectively in a breeding program provided that the carrier animal could be definitely identified.

The researchers are following several leads in trying to separate the off-spring of known carrier bulls into carrier and non-carrier groups. Body measurements, including height and chest measurements, are being taken; birth weights and periodic body weights from birth to maturity are being recorded; and observations are being made on sexual maturity. Chemical blood analyses are also being made. Glandular secretions and tissues are being studied. Dr. Marlowe suggests that there must be a measurable difference between an animal which can produce a dwarf and one that will not.

One of the most promising techniques so far used is the X-ray which shows skeletal differences between dwarfs and non-dwarfs, and which may make it possible to tell the difference between carrier and non-carrier.

There is now a certain amount of confusion as to the genetic situation in dwarfism within and among beef breeds. 35 dwarf calves have been used by the Experiment Station in these tests, most of them coming as donations from Virginia breeders. Although the Station still wants to know about the occurence of all dwarfs, researchers now need only the one or two-year olds for use in these studies.

Most dwarfs do not live more than a few months. The best thing to do with them is to sell them for veal before they are weaned. After that they are apt to lose weight, produce tough and even off - flavor meat.

Although they vary in the kinds and degrees of abnormalities, there are certain characteristics common to most dwarf calves which should be helpful in identifying them at birth or shortly thereafter. One of the traits most often noted is an abnormality of the head. Most dwarfs have bulging foreheads, short, wide muzzles, protruding lower jaws, and prominent eyes. Some of them have a very blocky build at birth, being extremely short-legged, heavy boned, and thick. They may be mistaken for a normal or even an outstanding calf by someone unfamiliar with dwarfism.

In a herd where only carrier bulls and heifers are kept for herd replacement, a 25% loss of the calf crop by dwarfism could be expected annually. It is doubtful that many sizeable herds have yet sustained such losses, but those potential does emphasize the seriousness of the problem.

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Richwood

Richwood, Nov. 22.- "Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me: I will render to the man according to his work." —Proverb.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and daughter, Judy, of Lynchburg were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge and Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Brannan and daughters Sunday evening.

H. W. Marsh, of Gladys visited with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh and Mr. G. T. Marsh Saturday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs. G. I. Watt and Mrs. F. L. Doty, of Washington spent the week-end at their home here

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh and Mr. Marsh.

Mrs D. A. Pugh and Mrs. Brannan and daughters, Georgie Belle were the guests of Mrs T. T. Wooldridge Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and children, and Mrs. Lavette Sr. were in Lynchburg on business Monday.

Mrs. Myrtle Thomas returned home from a Lynchburg hospital Thursday. Mrs. D. A. Pugh visited her Friday afternoon.

"DEAD-EYE DOT"

Weleetka, Okla.- Mrs. Ruth Hendrix, deputy treasurer of Okfuskee County, has a new nickname, "Dead-Eye Dot," in recognition of her pistol-shooting ability. Mrs. Hendrix found a wolf prowling in her backyard, grabbed her husband's pistol, and plugged the wolf five times.

Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, Nov. 22.- Henry Stanley, of Buckingham, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thornhill, Miss Laura Thornhill and Mrs. Lewis Mann were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thornhill, of Roanoke.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Guill, of Norfolk were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette.

Mrs. W. W. Thornhill was the week-end guest of her brother, Wilson Durham.

Mrs. Bertha Booker is visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Crafton.

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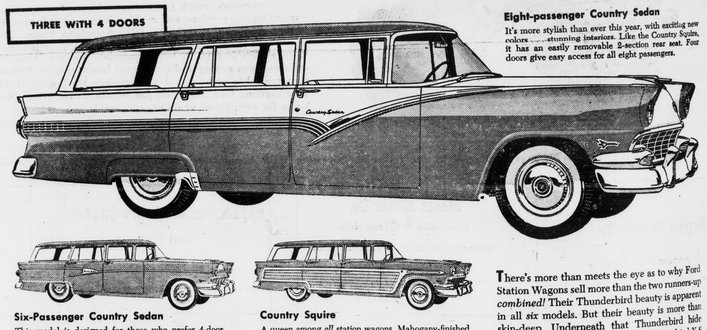

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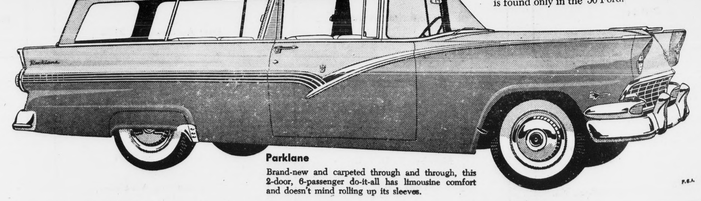

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Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

As a "once in a lifetime" hope, I can dream of attending an Army-Navy football game. I've seen less than my share of football games and sporting events, but it isn't until Saturday that I got into the BIG spectacle. Tickets are hard to get. Half a million have been sold for Saturday's game. Some wait for years to get an assignment, thanks to my friend, Rep. Watt Abbitt, Mother Abbitt's kin-folk and I got the tickets and were part of the throng of 102,000 at the classic, held, as usual, at Municipal Stadium, Philadelphia.

We left here Friday afternoon to spend the night in Arlington. By 9 A. M. Saturday we were out of Washington, on the high road to Philadelphia. Even at that hour, traffic was heavy. Chartered buses wove in and out of multiple traffic lanes. Through Baltimore in a breeze on the new Parkway, and onto Route 40 where we left it to Alternate 13 and the City of Brotherly Love. We got into the vicinity of the Stadium at 11:30 and as luck would have it, were able to park the car right opposite our entrance gate. At 11:30, we had our blankets (two each), and were inside the stadium and having sandwiches. We were in our seats at 12:15 noon, and at 12:00 noon, exactly at that moment, the Army band began marching in. This was a show that makes this event far more than a mere football game. Kiddie-sized men 3,600 strong. Oh, what a thrill to see the military precision—a mass of white uniforms with pink faces and blue uniforms overcoats, marching in by units—until these wonderful young boys, the admirals and young officers of tomorrow, were spread over the entire playing field. They swept and fitting salutes, marched in precision to the enemy in their cheering section, as they straddle the 50-yard line. Even so, the bugles sounded, exactly at 12:30, the Army won! The Cadets number 2,- and they marched in with the gray lines of endless platoons, massed over the playing field. Never forget a sight like this. The famous Cadets of West Point, Dwight Eisenhower, is that mass of gray are the cadets and chiefs of staff of tomorrow. Football games between the Army and Navy began in 1890, and last year the Navy won, 24 to 0. It has been one whale of a series. It is a big show! And today, the Army field strikes up a "bouncing" tune like you might hear on the Campus Week show, and the Cadets stand in their seats, on the 50-yard line, opposite the Navy. And at 1:30, all are in their seats. I do not say seats, because I was a Midshipman or Cadet I was the entire afternoon. And 102,000 of us out there, were all ready for action.

And so, we heard it pouring out of the Navy stands—a thunderous roar from 3,600 Midshipmen, in unison, shouting "Poooooooooor Old Army." And the Cadets shouted it back: "Poooooooor Old Navy!" That went on, over and over. I can hear rings even now in my ears "Poor Old Army." "Poor Old Navy." But then there is excitement at the end of the field, and a huge Army mule trots into the stadium. It is the "Mule Market" and they quarters of butchered mule over and a great chopping of a figure of a mule. That is big hand, and when the float opposite the Navy stands, the "Mule block" opens up, and the Goat, famous mascot, jumps everybody is happy that the mascot is on hand. And the goat came back with that "Poor Old Army"—"Poor Old Navy" business. Now, a huge armored vehicle onto the field, and the guarded by men with machine guns. The sign says, "Army's Finest." Everyone figures, of course, that the Army Mule is inside and the 102,000 people give a great hand. But when the armored truck opens up in front of the Navy stands, two lovely girls emerge. And the crowd cheers, the football teams come on the field and go through their warming up drills. Then the bands play, and stand for the National Anthem. We now about to see the big game starts at 1:30, and the Navy won, this year, and in the last moments of the game, the Navy almost swept off the field, Navy scores to go ahead, 6

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Legislature Meets in Special School Session

A. H. S. Opens Basketball Season; Schedule Has 13 Home Games

Appomattox High School begins a 13-game home basketball schedule next week, with three games at the Blue Hornet's gymnasium. The season opens Monday night, with the Phillips Secretary College team, of Lynchburg as the opponent, in both boys' and girls' games. Buckingham H. S. comes here Wednesday night, and Madison Heights Friday.

Coach J. L. Byrd will coach the boys' varsity this year, with Gordon Bragg directing the junior varsity and freshmen. Mrs. H. W. Brown will again coach the girls. This is coach Byrd's first year at A. H. S. He graduated at Elon, N. C., College, in 1949, and played basketball there.

The Blue Hornets have six letter-winners back from last year's team. They are: Bradley Babocck, Maynard Beane, Robert "Boots" Carter, Garland Doss, Richard Holderman, and Thomas O'Brien.

A transfer from Pamplin, Robert Beale, a six-foot forward, is making a strong bid for a varsity position, and Raymond Ferguson, a freshman, is making a fine showing in practice sessions. Others who are likely to see service on the squad are: Buddy Conner, Fountain Conner, Hunter Chilton, and Joey George.

With the "tall boys" in demand for basketball, Coach Byrd could select a team of six-footers from his squad.

The schedule calls for most of the home games to be played early in the season. The gymnasium has a capacity of 750 spectators, and it is hoped that students and local fans will attend the games.

A. H. S. Basketball Schedule

Monday, Dec. 5.- Phillips, home.
Wednesday, Dec. 7, Buckingham "
Fri., Dec. 9, Madison Heights "
Wed., Dec. 14, Spring Garden, home (7:00)
Friday, Dec. 16, Brosville, home (7:00)
Mon., Dec. 19, Dan River, home
Tues., Jan. 3, Alumni, home
Friday, Jan. 6, Madison Hts., home
Tues., Dec. 10, New London, away
Thurs., Jan. 12, Phillips, home
Tues., Jan. 16, Wm. Campbell, away
Friday, Jan. 20, New London, home
Friday, Jan. 27, Nelson Co., home
Tues., Jan. 31, Brookville, away
Tues., Feb. 3, Spring Garden away (7:00)
Tues., Feb. 7, Dan River, away
Friday, Feb. 10, Nelson Co., away
Tues., Feb. 14, Brookville, home
Fri., Feb. 17, Wm. Campbell, home
Tues., Feb. 21, Buckingham, away.

All games will start at 7:3u P. M. except those of Dec. 16, Dec. 14 and Feb. 3, which start at 7 o'clock. Nelson County games to be Junior Varsity and Varsity. All others will be boys and girls Varsity.

GOOD RECORD ON FOREST FIRES

Virginia had the least number of forest fires on the smallest acreage for the second month in succession, according to a regional survey.

According to the Division of Forestry, 21 forest fires burned 50 acres of public and private lands during October.

The survey, conducted by the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association, of Atlanta, Ga., shows that nine states and Region Eight of the U. S. Forest Service reported 1,637 fires, burning 10,481 acres.

Hunters and other persons in the woods at this time of year are cautioned that little sparks make big fires. A carelessly tossed match or cigarette can do millions of dollars in damage if not completely extinguished.

During October, Alabama had 412 forest fires burning 4,674 acres.

F. F. A. Chapter Helps Program

The Appomattox F. F. A. Chapter is helping the Governor's "Plant More Trees" program by distributing tree planting literature and tree seedling application forms to landowners in their community. This group has requested 200 copies of such material, and its members will personally distribute these to farmers in their area as a means of encouraging local participation in the program.

U. D. C. MEETING

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet Thursday evening, December 8, at 8 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Jerry A. Burke. Mrs. Burke, Mrs. J. D. Plunkett and Mrs. Joel W. Flood will be joint hostesses. Miss Julia Asher, chapter historian, will have charge of the program.

HAZEL MOON CIRCLE

The Hazel Moon Circle of the W. M. U. of Liberty Baptist Church will meet with Mrs. C. C. Poe Monday night, Dec. 5, at 7:30, for their Christmas party and business meeting. All members please be present.

LIONS CLUB TONIGHT

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight at 6:45 at Maude's Hot Shop.

Bloodmobile Was Short Of Quota

Forty-three pints of blood were donated at the Red Cross Bloodmobile visit to Appomattox last Friday. Six prospective donors were rejected.

The collection was less than the goal the Jaycees and the local committee had set. However, the Blood Center representative in charge of the Bloodmobile and the local committee felt that on the whole the turn-out was satisfactory.

The Bloodmobile committee wishes to take this opportunity to express thanks to those who gave blood and to those who were willing but not accepted. The committee also thanks Dr. C. A. Collins, Jr. for his co-operation and all others who worked on this visit.

The next visit is scheduled for June, 1956.

Woman's Club Meets Monday

The Woman's Club of Appomattox will meet Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Appomattox High School cafeteria. The American Home Department of which Mrs. F. C. Carr is chairman, will present the program. The Girl Scouts. Speakers for the occasion will be Miss Jean Cameron, of the Lynchburg Area Girl Scout Council, and Mrs. Duncan C. Kennedy, Jr., director in the Lynchburg Girl Scout Council.

Hostesses will be Mrs. Mildred Alvis, Mrs. L. Crawely, Mrs. Malcolm Booker and Miss Hilda Cabaniss.

Garden Club To Decorate Court House For Christmas

Mrs. Robert Hubbard and Miss Beulah Ferrell were hostesses to a covered dish dinner of the Appomattox Garden Club when it met at 6:00 P. M. in the Appomattox High School cafeteria Monday night, November 28. A large group was present to enjoy this fellowship hour of dinner with other club members.

Mrs. W. T. Snead, of Fork Union, presented a program on "Christmas All Through the House." She emphasized the importance of choosing a theme for decorating the home and use of one color accent and one accent material in carrying out the theme, beginning with the front door and continuing through the halls, living room, dining room and not forgetting the kitchen and the back door. She stressed the use of one outstanding feature in decorating a room which might be the Christmas tree or a mantle and making all other arrangements secondary to this. Many interesting handmade ornaments were shown to the group, and the members participated in the making of small Christmas wreaths from old jar rings wrapped with tinsel or any such material.

Mrs. H. M. Bransford, of Cohasset; Mrs. George Smith, of Palmyra, and Mrs. Randolph Snead, of Fork Union were guests of the club for dinner and judged the exhibits for the evening. Mrs. Leslie Ligon and Mrs. Robert A. Sears received awards for their horticultural specimens in the artistic class, and blue ribbons were given Mrs. R. A. Sears and Mrs. R. C. Hubbard; red ribbons went to Miss Flora Williams and to Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr., and yellow ribbons to Miss Beulah Ferrell and Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr.

Mrs. Robert Allen Sears was presented the silver vase which is a "floating prize," being presented each month to the member winning the most points on her exhibits for the evening. The vase was presented to the Appomattox Garden Club by the Bank of Appomattox.

Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr., president, called the meeting to order, using for the first time the gavel presented to the Appomattox Garden Club, compliments of the Farmers National Bank.

The members surprised Mrs. Geo. F. Langran with a handkerchief shower on Friday night, Nov. 25. The handkechiefs were made into a nosegay and presented to Mrs. Langran by the club president. Mrs. Langran, who was a charter member of the Appomattox Garden Club, has recently moved to Florida.

Hemoracallis divisions were on sale as well as Audibon bird and wild flower articles, which are being sold by the club.

Announcement was made of the Lynchburg Council of Garden Clubs Flower Show to be presented in the Smith Memorial Hall at Randolph-Macon College, Lynchburg, on December 7 and 8.

The club voted to decorate and spotlight the Appomattox County Court House again this year, for the Christmas season, and Mrs. R. D. Robinson and Mrs. Leonard Anderson have been appointed to do this. The Garden Club has decorated the court house each year for the past five years and it has been one of the showplaces of the county for the holidays.

The Christmas decorations of the homes and business concerns will not be judged this year, but everyone is urged to decorate so that the town will be as lovely in appearance this year as in past years. Everyone is urged to "Keep Christ in Christmas" when decorating this year.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

It was hoped that the Christmas street lights would be put up here by this week-end. The annual holiday merchandising season has already started in local stores. The Christmas street lights are usually put up by members of the volunteer fire company.

Ask Boost In Bond Sales

Judge Joel W. Flood, chairman for Appomattox County for the sale of U. S. Savings Bonds, today stated that thus far the county was running somewhat behind its $100,000 quota for the year, and he urged purchase of Savings Bonds during this month. He pointed to the fact that tobacco markets are now open and Savings Bonds are a good investment for ready cash. It was also suggested that Christmas gifts of Savings Bonds were a highly suitable gift. Appomattox County usually makes its bond quota, and the chairman called upon the public to see that this is done this year.

Leaf Markets Open With Good Prices

Prices moved up and poundage fell off slightly as the dark-fired tobacco markets moved into mid-week of the pre-Christmas sale period.

Some of the leaf brought to the warehouses on opening day, Monday, clearly showed the pounding tobacco had received during hurricane weather this summer. This had an influence on prices, although most growers seemed satisfied with prices in relation to the quality of their offerings. Slightly less than 250,000 pounds were sold Monday on the Farmville market.

Tuesday's sales in Lynchburg were 136,506 pounds for an average of $35.11 per hundred. This average was $1.08 higher than for the second day of sales in 1954.

Top price on Tuesday's warehouse floor was $70 - $71 for good long red wrapper for the Austrian cigar trade.

Monday's sales in Lynchburg were 270,178 pounds for an average of $33.67.

Appomattox farmers fared well in comparison with those of other counties in the belt on the opening sales. It is believed that Appomattox has the top quality leaf in the belt this year.

Last Chance Vaccination For Rabies

The last rabies vaccination clinic for the 1955-56 year will be held Friday, December 2, 1955, at the Appomattox High School Shop building, from 3:45 to 6:15 P. M.

All residents of Appomattox County who have not had their dogs vaccinated should avail themselves of this final clinic, as it will be necessary to present a vaccination certificate in order to secure 1956 dog licenses.

Three year chick embryo vaccine will be administered by a registered veterinarian, and the cost for each dog will be $1.00. All dogs must be on a leash when brought to the clinic.

CORONATION PROGRAM AT LIBERTY BAPTIST

The Coronation Service for the Junior Girls' Auxiliary and the Elizabeth Hale Auxiliary will be held Sunday at Liberty Baptist Church at 7:30 P. M. Three girls will be crowned as Queens: Penny and Peyton Abbitt and JoElla Ferguson. Gloria Jamerson will be a Princess. Ruth Johnson and Carolyn Mays will be Ladies in Waiting. Betty Watson and Maggie Ferguson will be Maidens. Members of the Sunbeam Band will serve as crown bearers and flower girls. Rinne Abbitt and Betty Kerr, flower girls; Hamner Harwood and Nancy Jane Abbitt as crown bearers.

Mrs. C. S. Booth, Miss Dorothy Garrette, Miss Peggy Wooten, and Mrs. Franklin Vaughan, counsellors, will assist in the program.

REPRESENTATIVE ABBITT LISTS FREE BULLETINS

Housewives seeking new tips on cooking, canning, freezing or preserving foods can get a helping hand from the Department of Agriculture's new list of bulletins.

Representative Watkins M. Abbitt said today he was offering a wide variety of free bulletins on many subjects to residents of the Fourth District.

The bulletins, he said, are listed in a pamphlet he sent this week to all rural mail patrons. Other interested persons may request a list by writing Congressman Abbitt direct—1008 New House Office Building, Washington, D. C. Fourth District residents may select from the bulletin list the titles they want and return the order to the Congressman.

Richmond, Nov. 30.- Governor Stanley asked the General Assembly today to begin now the process of amending the State Constitution so that public funds may be used for educational purposes in non-sectarian private schools.

At the opening of an extra session called on the recommendation of his Commission on Public Education, the Governor said that amendment of Section 141 of the State Constitution for this purpose was the vital step in a program to attain two objectives:

"(1) Avoidance of enforced integration of the races in any of our public schools, and

"(2) Maintenance of educational opportunities for the boys and girls in all sections of Virginia, despite the wide variation in problems and density of white and negro population."

If the Assembly adopts the proposed legislation, the voters of Virginia would decide in a referendum within the next sixty days on whether a constitutional convention shall be called. The regular session of the Legislature in January then would provide for the election of delegates to the convention and set a time for its meeting.

"The call for this extra session of the General Assembly of Virginia," the Governor said, "is the direct result of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States on May 17, 1954, and its decree of May 31, 1955. We in Virginia, and the people throughout the South, had administered our public schools in accordance with the law of the land as enunciated by the Supreme Court in 1896 and reaffirmed on many subsequent occasions. In good faith and with firm resolution, we had moved forward steadily in a concerted effort to improve our school system and provide the best possible educational opportunities for the youth of both races. Millions upon millions of dollars have been expended to equalize facilities, and today the physical plants and courses of instruction of many of our negro schools are superior to those afforded white pupils in the same localities. The Commonwealth has given unprecendented financial aid to the counties and cities in meeting their school construction needs; salaries of white and negro teachers were equalized long ago, and until the separate but equal doctrine was challenged in the federal courts, we had every reason to look forward to an era of unsurpassed educational progress.

"The decision of the Court discarding the law as we had known it, and as the Court itself had interpreted it throughout all these years, immediately created problems of enormous proportions. Mingling of the races not only was prohibited by the Constitution of Virginia but was contrary to the customs, traditions and wishes of the vast majority of our citizens. The future of our whole educational system, therefore, was left in dire jeopardy.

"Recognizing the gravity of the situation, I invited thirty-two members of the General Assembly in August 1954 to serve on a special commission to study the effects of the Supreme Court decision and make recommendations to the Governor and their colleagues in the legislature. This group, designated the Commission on Public Education, has labored for more than fourteen months, studying proposals advanced in other states as well as many plans and sugestions originating in Virginia and with its own membership. In my charge to the Commission, I expressed the firm belief that separate schools for white and negro pupils were in the best interest of both races and that it was my purpose to do all within my authority to maintain segregated schools."

The Governor concurred "wholeheartedly" in the recommendations of the study commission and pointed out that the decision of the State Supreme Court of Appeals of November 7 not only pertained to the question of public funds for private tuition grants on the elementary and secondary school level but invalidated certain appropriations for equalization of educational opportunities on the college level, and teacher scholarship funds in private institutions within Virginia. In the proposed change is made in the State Constitution, he described the result as follows:

"Such authority would permit students in localities where public schooling may be interrupted to continue their studies, with state aid, in non-sectarian private schools in other public schools located elsewhere. In addition, it would apply to the children of parents who decline to send them to public schools

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